

**City of Santa Barbara
Youth Council Meeting
September 13, 2010
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Chairperson Pepe Gil.

ROLL CALL

Members	Present	Absent
Alonzo, Brandy	Yes	
Busch, Will	Yes	
Garcia, Blanca	Yes	
Garcia, Valeria		Excused
Getachew, Eleni	Yes	
Gil, Jose "Pepe"	Yes	
Gil, Ivette	Yes	
Green, Caroline	Yes	
Hall, Ian	Yes	
Hernandez, Andres		Excused
Hunt, Chloe	Yes	
Lopez, Michael	Yes	
Lunt, Morgan	Yes	
Mejia, Lesly		Yes
Sexton, Grant	Yes	
Yi, Michael	Yes	

STAFF PRESENT:

Susan Young

LIAISONS:

Commissioner Rocky Jacobson, Parks and Recreation

GUEST:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported on the following items: 1) Junior High School representatives – staff stated that a couple of junior high school teens have expressed interest in being representatives for the Youth Council. Staff announced that junior high student Zachary announced he may not be able to serve; however, Kayla Simons and Miranda Heredia were interested. Letters are being drafted to school principals. Staff announced the "You Grow Girl" presented by Girls, Inc. but eligible only for the junior high reps. 2) Youth Intern/Commission position – staff announced that the Youth Intern for the Parks and Recreation Commission would be open in December as well as a Commissioner position – staff encouraged Youth Council members to apply and encourage other teens to apply 3) Staff introduced Commissioner Jacobson, new Youth Council liaison from the Parks and Recreation Commission who spoke briefly to the Youth Council 4) Staff reported that the Mayor had passed along their request for parking assistance and explained that in general

parking spaces are not assigned to commissioners and/or advisory members; staff did say she could provide parking permits for parking at the Davis Center during subcommittee meetings and other activities; 5) staff reminded Youth Council members of need for proper decorum when at city hall especially during the time that the offices are open 6) staff reminded Youth Council members of logging in community service hours.

COMMITTEE / SPECIAL REPORTS - all committees reported during this meeting:

Special Events – Committee Co-chairs Chloe Hunt and Morgan Lunt reported that the Special Events committee had met with the ad hoc Teen Rights committee and determined that the Teen Rights workshops would be the first Special Events activity. The Teen Rights committee was requesting that the follow up workshop for completion of phase one of the grant proposal be held as part of the Youth Council's Monday, November 15th meeting at the Davis Center. The workshop would consist of four workshops presented two at a time, with an adult and youth presenter. More details would follow but the committee was requesting the support of all Youth Council members and requesting that the Marketing and Publicity Committee work with the other two committees.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Morgan Lunt and Michael Lopez, respectively, that the agenda be waived to take item 7d (Old Business) at this time. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Morgan Lunt and Chloe Hunt, respectively, that the Youth Council accept and support the report from the Special Events/Teen Rights subcommittees to hold their workshops on Monday, November 15, 2010. Motion carried.

Policies and Procedures: Subcommittee Chair Caroline Green reported the Policies and Procedures subcommittee had met to establish its goals and objectives for the year. Included in their goals was to review the bylaws and make any recommendation for amendments to the Youth Council. Staff asked the Policies and Procedures subcommittee to work with her on finalizing the Youth Council resolution/ordinance.

Marketing and Publicity: There was no formal report; however Youth Council Member Hunt requested that the Marketing and Publicity committee assist with the marketing of the Teen Rights upcoming workshop event.

Fundraising: Subcommittee Chair Ivette Gil reported that the Fundraising subcommittee had met to discuss their goals and objectives. She stated that they have not decided on a specific dollar amount to raise; however, they have some specific ideas for fundraising including the 100/100/100 - \$100 from 100 people in 100 days. She stated the group would like to kick this off in October through January. Other ideas included working with restaurants for a Youth Council day and tabling at various events, as well as working with beach clean ups or Looking Good Santa Barbara. Suggestions for use of the funds included training/travel for the Youth Council; materials and supplies for Youth Council events and marketing materials.

Mentoring and Health: Subcommittee Chair Michael Yi reported that the Mentoring and Health Subcommittee had met to set its goals and objectives with a goal to promote a healthy lifestyle for teens and youth free of alcohol and drugs. One of their objectives will be to work with

elementary students in a mentoring program as well as working with the Coalition of Youth Advocates and Friday Night Live on healthy lifestyle projects.

Teen Center Advisory – Subcommittee Co-chair Chloe Hunt stated that the subcommittee had not met nor had there been a meeting yet with PAL. Staff informed Youth Council that PAL was in the teen center and that they had a soft opening and plans are in place to hold a formal Teen Center Advisory meeting. A PAL representative would be invited to the Youth Council meeting. Chairperson Gil stated he had gone to the teen center to do homework and hang out.

Sunshine Committee – Subcommittee co-chairs Brandy Alonzo and Blanca Garcia reported that they had not had a formal meeting, but were working on ideas for the Sunshine Committee. Youth Council member Alonzo stated she had sent a card on behalf of the Youth Council to the family that were victims of the runaway truck incident and she wanted to request that the Youth Council members donate \$5 a piece to provide for the family.

Executive Committee - Chairperson Gil reported throughout the meeting that the Executive Committee had met and discussed items (some addressed in New Business) as well as meeting time change for the Youth Council meeting. It was concluded that the meeting would remain at 5:15 p.m. at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Youth Council Leadership Training – Youth Council members commented on the training held on August 20 – 21st for Youth Council members. It was a consensus that the training was very beneficial and good for both new and former members. The Youth Council members appreciated the bonding period and encouraged that the next training or follow up training include even more bonding opportunities for the members. Highlight of the weekend included the teambuilding exercises with Isis Castaneda, from the Academy of Healing Arts. Also, highlight was the afternoon lunch with the mayor, which all the members felt was very encouraging and enjoyable. New Youth Council member Blanca Garcia stated it helped her to feel more comfortable at the Youth Council meetings. Staff thanked the members for being present on those dates and for the follow up subcommittee meetings.
- b. Day of Caring – Staff reminded Youth Council members of the Day of Caring to take place on Saturday, September 25th. A count was conducted to see how many Youth Council members would be participating and if they should join the team of the City of Santa Barbara. It was requested that they sign up as their own team. Staff distributed waiver forms which need to be complete and submitted. Youth Council member Chloe Hunt was put in charge of the event for the Youth Council.
- c. Restructured Neighborhood Advisory Council - Youth Council Members Hunt and Pepe Gil updated the Youth Council on the status of the Neighborhood Advisory Council and stated that the final draft was being submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission. It was stated that there would be 13 members and a possibility for one of the position to be filled by someone 16 and over.
- d. Teen Rights Workshops – item covered under Subcommittee reports.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Youth Council Appointment/Vacancy - Chair Gil reported that Youth Council appointee Rodrigo Granados resigned from his position on the Youth Council due to scheduling conflicts and that the Executive Committee has determined to fill the position with one of the previous applicants if they are in the targeted neighborhoods. Staff reported that she did not think any of the remaining applicants were in those targeted neighborhoods and that recruitment would have to take place. Staff reported that she did inform PAL and Future Leaders of the vacancy. It was requested that the position be filled as soon as possible.
- b. Youth Council/City Council Buddy Assignments - Chair Gil reported that the Executive Committee would like to pair Youth Council members with City Council persons and the Mayor as discussed at the leadership training. Chair Gil stated that the Executive Committee had met and they would like to go the project City to Youth project. It was suggested that the Executive Committee members be paired with their Youth Council mentees and assigned as a group to the Mayor and City Council. Chair Gil stated the assignments were forthcoming.

COUNCIL COMMENTS/Announcements

Youth Council Member Lunt announced that the students from Dos Pueblos High School were going to be treated to a concert from Katy Perry.

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Susan C. Young
Recording Secretary